

THE NEW REGIME

Personnel of the New State Administration-Sketches of New Officials

BIOGRAPHY OF STATE OFFICIALS.

Of the twenty-one state officials of the new state sworn in today a critical analysis shows that a decided majority are of southern birth, while five of the twenty-one hailing from the northern states.

Texas takes the lead by furnishing five of the officials, Missouri, Arkansas, Georgia and Illinois for second place with two each. The five Texans on the list are "Jack" Love corpor-

her in Putman county three years afterwards, in 1888 he abandoned the law practice for railroad construction and promoting, and at one time lived in New York City. He was also a resident of Arkansas for a short time and enlisted in the same regiment in the Confederate Army with his father at the age of 13 and the latter was killed while they were fighting side by side. He has been traveling extensively in Oklahoma for many years, and is probably a wider acquaintance now than any man in Oklahoma. He judges almost on the fact that he has received more invitations to social gatherings and social functions than any man in the new state, yet he is still a bachelor. He was a delegate to Congress in 1892 against B. E. McGuire and was elected on the face of the results but was unseated by the Republican caucusing board. He spent sixteen months in the house of representatives in Washington until the session was adjourned. He was a candidate for the Democratic nomination as delegate again in 1892 but was defeated by Frank Mathews of Arkansas. He can boast of his record in the recent election and was seen only to Kate Barnard, the collector of charities.

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HASKELL

The First Gover- nor of the New State

GOVERNOR C. N. HASKELL.
Charles N. Haskell, the first Governor of Oklahoma, was born in a home of the deepest poverty, in the hills of the Kentucky mountains, in 1851. He had no formal education, but learned to read and write in the schools of Kentucky, and became a teacher. He taught in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana, and finally settled in the state of Missouri, where he became a successful lawyer. He was a member of the territorial senate from 1886 to 1892 and six president during the second term. He was a delegate to the Democratic national convention at St. Louis in 1892. He is one of the handsomest men in the new state.

**INSURANCE COMM'S.
SINGER MCCOMB.**

T. J. McComb, State Insurance Commissioner, is another Texan. He passed his law in his native state for several years but continued the practice to take up insurance work. He moved to Oklahoma City several years ago, and has been territorial agent for one of the largest eastern life insurance companies for the last few years.

CHAS. A. TAYLOR.
Charles A. Taylor, state examiner and ass't. state auditor, is a native of Illinois. Wm. Cross, secretary of state was born in Tenn., and Auditor Taylor is the only representative from the sunflower state. Miss Kate Barnard, commissioner of Charities, was born in Nebraska, and Peter Hannum, chief mine inspector is the only one of foreign birth. He was born in Scotland.

Chas. N. Haskell, of Madison, who was sworn in today as Oklahoma's first governor was born in a home of dire poverty, was educated in the school of bitter experience and has achieved his ambition to be governor of Oklahoma by the exercise of the same clever tactics which have characterized his movements all through life.

He was born March 12, 1860 in Putman County, Tenn. At the age of three his father died and he was raised by a nearby family named Miller. Mr. Miller was a school teacher working at this vocation in order for the money gain for the good he could do for humanity so one can readily see that Haskell's education was neglected as a matter of fact he was kept busy working about eleven months of the year and had no chance to attend school. Young Haskell was kindly treated, however, and had plenty of reading material furnished him, which was the way he spent his spare time and he made such good progress that at the age of sixteen he took the notion he would be a school teacher and slipped away from home one day right night and walked twelve miles to take a teacher's examination at the county seat and walked back the same night. Mr. Miller found out what young Haskell had done and tried to give him a thrashing but failed, as about that time the governor began to get up his ever-enduring spirit and make a stand for himself. For several years longer Haskell taught school studying law in the long winter evenings and was admitted to the state during the campaign.

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that examinations. W. H. L. Campbell, clerk of the supreme court, Chas. L. DeGolyer, false commissioner, E. D. Cameron, superintendent of public instruction and T. J. McComb, insurance commissioner, Missouri gets two important places, Lieutenant Governor George Bellamy and James A. Menefee state treasurer. Georgia's native sons are Chas. West, attorney general and A. P. Atkinson corporation commissioner.

Alabama is represented with R. L. Williams of the supreme bench.

Arkansas furnished Judge Sam Hayes of the second supreme court district and J. J. McAlester of the corporation commission. Governor C. N. Haskell is an Ohioan. New York furnishes one of the justices of the supreme court, M. J. Kane of the third district. Chas. A. Taylor, state examiner and ass't. state auditor, are natives of Illinois. Wm. Cross, secretary of state was born in Tenn., and Auditor Taylor is the only representative from the sunflower state. Miss Kate Barnard, commissioner of Charities, was born in Nebraska, and Peter Hannum, chief mine inspector is the only one of foreign birth. He was born in Scotland.

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HON. GEORGE BELLAMY LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA

He was made the choice of Democrats for the gubernatorial election of the new state at the November primaries on June 6th and was elected by over 25,000 majority and received more votes than any man on the slate except notwithstanding the terrible heat that was not an obstacle to the dead-vote Republicans of the state during the campaign.

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educated as a civil engineer but has always preferred the work of accounting to the vocations of his profession.

TREASURER MENEFEE.

J. A. Menefee, state treasurer, better known as "Sunny Jim", is another Mississippian. He was born in Hamilton, Mo. in 1871, where he lived until 1886. He is a graduate of the Washington Law University of Virginia and after finishing school went to Florida then to Texas, and later came to Okla-

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AN INDIAN IN THE SENATE.

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